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TUCUMCARI, QUAY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, THURSDAY JUNE 3, 1915

## FAMILY FEUD ENDS IN DEATH OFWM. TRAYLOR

Wm. L. Traylor, surveyor of this county, was shot and killed last Friday near Jordan, by Arthur Carver, his brother-in-law.

Word reached town about 1 o'clock and Deputy Sheriff Fred White and County Physician Leming went to the scene of the tragedy leaving here a few minutes later. Judge Cutlip, and Judge Swan together with A. R. Carter and the drivers of the autos, Jesse Smith and J. F. Tarpley, also went out and remained for the coroners inquest which was held at Jordan Friday night The body of Traylor was brought to this city where it was buried at the Sunnyside cemetery after a short fu-neral service at the Koch undertaking

The cause of the killing is not yet known but it is the culmination of family troubles, in which these two men had participated for several months.

Traylor's wife had been in that part of the county and was staying at the home of G. H. Williamson, about five iamson? miles west of Jordan.

Traylor had called Williamson up to a neighbor's to get him to plead for him to his wife and get her to return to him, so it is said, but had been unsuccessful. He was riding with Mr. Childress, the neighbor at whose residence this meeting had taken place, and had just turned south on the section line and had gone but a short distance when Arthur Carver called to them to stop. Traylor got off the wagon and started across the field, but Carver again asked him to stop. He stopped and reached down in his satchel or pocket and withdrew a six- that. shooter and told Carver to go on back as he did not want to have any trouble with him. At that instance they began shooting at each other and several shots were fired before Traylor a 45-calibre automatic which passed through his stomach at a slanting position and came out below the hip bone on the right side. He was also shot through the right ankle. Carver was shot in the left shoulder and the ball was removed here Saturday after he was arrested and placed in jail in Tucumcari.

Traylor was loaded into a wagon fore reaching that place.

The coroner's jury returned a ver-dict which caused Carver and R. R. Wilson to be arrested and brought to Tucumcari and placed in jail.

Their preliminary was held at the court house in Tucumcari Wednesday before Justice of the Peace McElroy. I took several hours to hear all the testimony and the court house was filled with spectators. Judge Cutlip appeared for the prosecution and C. C. Davidson for the defense.

After the hearing of the testimony Judge McElroy could see no cause for the holding of Wilson and discharged him from the charge, but held young Carver without bond under the charge of first-degree murder.

It was brought out in the preliminary that when Wilson and Williamson arrived at the scene after Traylor was down and Carver had gone on south, when Wilson was getting out of the wagon on the opposite side from Traylor, Traylor shot at Wilson and cut the lines near Wilson's hand. Traylor then gave his gun to William- and he called his name. son and asked to be taken to Jordan. The assertion has been made that the gun used by Carver belonged to Wilson, but this was proven not true by witness Williamson who identified it as the same gun he had seen at Carver's home and swore it belonged to

The following testimony which was village of Jordan, is approximately the and let him alone, that he wanted same as that given here yesterday and will give our readers a full story of | that? the case so far as was brought out by the court:

The following is the testimony of W. W. Childress, who was with Wm. Traylor and who was the only eye witness to the shooting:

The questions were asked by Judge J. D. Cutlip at the coroners inquest the night of the same day the killing

- occurred:
- Where do you live? At Jordan, N. M. What county and state? Quay county, state of New Mex. State whether or not you knew
- William L. Traylor in his life time? A. I have seen him several times. State whether or not you saw him in the morning or forenoon of the
- 28th day of May, 1915. A. Yes, sir.
- Q. When and what time in the day did you see him?
- A. Over and near our place west of Jordon. About three and one half miles west.
- What time of day? A. Probably eight or nine o'clock
- or something of the kind. Q. Detail to the jury just under what circumstances you saw William L. Traylor this morning or forenoon?
- A. He came over to my place. Q. About what time did he come to your place?

- A. He must have come about eight o'clock. Q. Did he or did he not leave your
- Yes, sir.
- Where did he go after he left your place?
- A. He went west,
- How far west? One half mile. Who, if anyone, went with him
- from your place? A. He went on the wagon with myself.
- Was there anyone else on the wagon except yourself and Mr. Tray-
- A. Herbert Williamson was there
- part of the time. Q. State whether or not Herbert Williamson was with you and Mr. Traylor when you left your place and started in a westerly direction?
- A. No, sir. Q. Then state where Mr. Williamson came from to you, how far after leaving your place, or how far from your place?
- A. He got on the wagon between ¼ and ½ mile. How far did Mr. Williamson
- go with you? A. Just a short piece. Then what became of Mr. Will
- A. He started down toward hi place down west.
- Q. Was Mr. Williamson going on in a westerly direction when he left
- Yes I suppose he was. Now, when Mr. Williamson left going west, what direction did you. you and Mr. Traylor travel?
- A. South. Q. How far did you and Mr. Traylor go south together?
- A. Not very far. Approximately, about how far? 1/2 or 1/4 or something near
- Q. When you turned south at the point where Mr. Williamson left you who was with you?
- A. No one but Mr. Traylor. Q. At that time did anyone come was mortally wounded with a ball of following after you and Mr. Traylor? A There was someone hollered at us and I stopped the wagon to see
  - what they wanted. Who was it that hollered to
  - you to stop? A. Arthur Carver, I suppose. Would you know the party nov
  - if you was to see him? A. Yes, sir, I guess so. Court:-Mr. White will you bring
  - Arthur Carver forward? Q. Mr. Childress, please look at this man and say whether or not he is the party that was following you and Mr. Traylor, calling you to stop
  - this forenoon? A. Yes, sir. 1 think so. When you stopped your wagon, what did Arthur Carver do,? Did he continue to come on to where you
  - and Mr. Traylor was? A. Yes, he walked on toward the
  - wagon. Q. Did he have a six-shooter gun or weapon?
  - A. I did not see any at the time. What did he say when he came up to you?
  - Well, he did not say anything. What was the first word you heard Arthur Carver say except calling on you to stop?
  - Why he just called Traylor's A. What did he next do, state whether or not he shot Mr. Traylor? A. Mr. Traylor got off the wagon
  - and started to walk across the prairie Now, when Mr. Traylor got out of the wagon and started on across the prairie as you say, state
  - whether or not he was going from Arthur Carver? A. He was going away from him in an angling direction.
- Q. When Arthur Carver called to Traylor his name, state whether or given at the coroner's inquest at the not Mr. Traylor told him to go away no trouble with him, or in substance
  - A. He said something of the kind. He said you had better go on back and tend to your own business, or something like that.
  - Q. Did Carver continue to advance on Traylor? A. Why he was walking on all the
  - time Q. Was he walking in the direc tion of Traylor? Yes, something near it.
  - Q. At that time did Carver have gun or pistol in his hand? A. I don't know as I noticed any
  - right then. Well, now, Mr. Childress, you did notice a gun in his hand at sometime while he was advancing on Mr. Traylor? Now tell the court and the
  - jury when you first saw this gun in the hands of Arthur Carver. A. Why, when Traylor stopped
  - and turned around. Q. Then you saw Arthur's gun? A. Why when Traylor stopped and turned around he reached down about Q. Now, is that when Traylor told
  - his clothes or hand bag or something. him to go on and tend to his business? Just right after it.
  - Then at that time you did see Carver's gun, is that a fact? A. Yes, about that time, as I look-

- Traylor at that time?
- A. They were something near one hundred yards apart. place after he came there?
  - Q. How far were they from you at that time? A. I was something near half way
  - Q. Now, was you directly between them?
  - A. No, Carver was coming the sec tion line, Traylor was going a little southwest and I was on the section
  - Q. At that time did Carver com mence shooting at Traylor?
  - A. I suppose so.
    Q. Now, did he continue to advance towards Traylor and shoot at Traylor until Traylor fell somewhere near
  - your wagon. A. Why there were several shots fired, the team got excited and I was holding them. Q. Just after one of the shots was
  - fired, state whether or not Traylor fell, or came down to the ground. A. Why he fell, or slipped or fell, or something, as they came toward the wagon. They both came toward the
  - keep the wagon between them.
  - A. I suppose so, one was comin one way and one the other. Q. At the place where this occurred, state whether or not it was in Quay county, New Mexico.
  - A. Yes, sir.
    Q. Is this the body lying here be-fore you now of William L. Traylor. A. I think so.
  - Q. And is this body the body of the about this morning?
  - ing for you to stop and when Traylor got out of the wagon, and started on in a southwesterly direction, all the
  - Q. When you first saw Carver coming after you and Mr. Traylor, what
  - if anything, did Traylor say to you? He did not say anything. When you first heard Carver calling to you to stop, state where he did and did it quick.
  - came from, if you know? A. He just only came down the lis down the road. Was he traveling the same ros Q. Was he traveling the same road our manner. After hearing the tes-and in the same direction that you and tunony Judge McElroy could see no
  - south at the point where Mr. Williamson left the wagon. A. Why, I never saw him till he started south.
  - Q. When you first saw Carver, did you see anyone else with him or near him?
  - A. No, sir, I never noticed anyone
  - Q. Did you see any wagon in the road that you had turned south from at that time? A. Yes, sir.
  - Whose wagon was it, if you know? A. Just the covered wagon that
  - drove down the road. Q. Do you know whose wagon was or who was driving it?
  - A. No, sir, I could not see anyone. Q. Do you know whether Carver or not, got out of the wagon you saw
  - No, sir. I do not. Q. After Williamson got out of your wagon, do you know whether or not he got in any other wagon?

    A. No, sir. He just walked on to
  - Juror Montgomery asked the follow ing question:
  - Q. Did you still remain there nea the parties?
  - At what time? After the shooting? No, sir.
  - You just went on and left them there? A. Yes, sir.
  - By Juror Akin: Was there anyone else there? A. At the time the shooting we going on?
  - Q. Yes. A. No sir. Judge Cutlip continues: Q. Was there anyone in sight, who
  - was coming? A. Why, I was holding the team. and never noticed anyone
  - Following is the testimony by H. Williamson: Q. Mr. Williamson, where do ye
  - A. 1/2 mile north and four and west of Jordan postoffice.
  - Were you acquainted with Will L. Traylor in his life time? Yes, I was slightly acquainted with him for the past seven years. Q. Is he now living or dead?
  - Dead. Look at the body of this man lying here and say whether or not this is the body of William L. Traylor? Why, he is the man I have al-
  - ways known as William Traylor for the past seven years. Where and when did you last see him living? A. Well, when I last saw him liv-
  - ing I guess I might say 1/2 mile north out one mile west of Jordan, after he was wounded. Q. State whether or not you are acquainted with R. R. Wilson and Ar-

thur Carver?

- Q. How far was Carver from Mr. MAN GETS BOTH FEET CUT OFF WHERE THE TEACHERS ARE A Spaniard by the name of Alejandro Alando, who was attempting to beat his way out of town last night on a stock train east bound on the Rock Island, was thrown from the
  - his feet. He was taken to the Physicians Hospital where both feet were ampu-

car on which he was trying to board

- tated next to the ankles. He is being taken care of by the city but says he has two brothers located at Cherryvale, Kansas. He said he had been in Tucumcari a number of times and had made trips on the train between here and Cherryvale,
- a number of times. This man is in a serious condition and no doubt would have been better off dead because if he could not make a success while he had two good feet. no money and perhaps his brothers
- cannot assist him financially. This makes four or five serious lessons that have been witnessed in the yards in Tucumcari and every young man should benefit by this experience Q. Were they seemingly trying to living and when it becomes necessary for you to travel, ride where it is safe and pay for the privilege of the protection to your limbs and life.

## A WARM RECEPTION

Two young fellows from Melrose arrived in our city Sunday night and proceeded to have a good time and after visiting the joint across the railroad track they returned to this side to go to the hotel and did not know same person that Arthur Carver was the name of the hotel to which they shooting at the time you have told us wished to be taken. The driver of a service car took them to the garage A. I suppose so.
Q. At the time you say Carver was coming after you and Mr. Traylor call were somewhat talkative and rather were somewhat talkative and rather than request the driver to take them to their destination they demanded it. This he refused to do and offered them while going away from Carver, state
what if anything Traylor said to you.

A. Why he only said "I think I
will get off and go to Reeds."

This he refused to do and offered them
their money back. They were not in
a mood to take the money and said
the driver was under obligations to
take them to the hotel. The driver the driver was under obligations to summer with her parents at Weather-take them to the hotel. The driver ford, Texas. became tired of the wrangling and assisted by a gun which one of the young men said had a barrel large enough for him to walk into, he ordered them to leave the garage. They

Monday morning they had the driver arrested and charged him with exhibiting a deadly weapon in a dangereason for imposing charged the driver.

Felipe Sanchez y Baca and family and James Abeyta were fishing or the Rito creek near Elvira in Guadalupe county Saturday and Sunday. They returned home Tuesday having been caught in a big rain storm Monday night near Montoya. James says Mr. Sanchez's Ford can do everything but swim, and it came very near doing that Monday evening crossing a small creek west of Montoya. They reported a good catch of fish-but

- all fishermen say the same thing. A. Well, I have known them for a short time, and am slightly acquainted with them.
- Q. When and where did you last see Mr. Traylor before he was wound-A. He was ¼ mile east of my home
- Q. In what direction was he traveling when you last saw him?
- A. I went west and he went south. Q. What day and date and what hoped that every young person of time in the day did you leave him at Tucumcari will come and be present the point you speak of?
- Well, it was after ten o'clock 28th day of May, 1915. Q. Now, how long after you left him there, was it until you next saw
- him? A. I just went ¼ mile to my place. I cannot state just how many minutes
- Q. Can you say how many it was in your best judgment? A Well, I judge it was between five
- and ten minutes. I suppose it would take something like five minutes to walk 1/4 mile.
- When you left Mr. Traylor at the point where he turned south, who was with him? W. W. Childress.
- A. Q. Why did you leave them at that point? A. I was going to my work at home.
- Q. State whether or not there was anyone else at or near you when you left Childress and Traylor at the point where they turned south? A. Well, this covered wagon drove
- up behind us and I suppose Arthur Carver and Mr. Wilson were in the Carver and Mr. Wilson were in that
- A. Well, I thought I knew the team thought I saw two parties in the Now, when you left Childress and Traylor where they turned south
- how far away was the covered wagon at this time? A. I never noticed how far away they were. They were not very far.
- never noticed. Q. Were they coming in the same direction that you was going? A. Yes, sir.
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This is the season when teachers make their plans for another year, either by resting for a season, or by doing advanced work, preparing themselves for more successful work next and the wheels passed over both of year. The Tucumcari teachers have nearly all left the city, and it is interesting to note what they are planning to do before returning to work to take up work in the local schools on August 30, when school opens once

> Supt. Jos. S. Hofer is enjoying his garden in the southern part of town, most of the summer. He will conduct the Lincoln County Institute at Car-

rizozo, beginning July 12. Principal Shadwick is visiting at the home of his parents, in Fowler, Calif. for a few weeks, when he will enter the University of California at Berkwhat can he do now without any feet, ley, preparatory for an advanced de-

Principal Lillian A. Bess will spend the summer resting at her home, except for the Quay county institute, in Tucumcari, in which she will teach

primary plans and methods. Miss Elizabeth Stephenson is doing post-graduate work in the Colorado Teachers' College, at Greeley. She will receive an advanced degree the

latter part of July. Miss Eugenia Roy is with her old friends at Roy, N. M., for a few weeks after which she will do special work in the University of California at Berk

Miss Florence Seder, at present, is with her parents at Albuquerque, she will soon leave for special work at the University of California at Berkley. Miss Georgia Gardner, now with her parents at Leon, Iowa, plans to attend the Summer school of Music

at Chicago, later on. Miss Hazel Myers is with her pa rents at Sylvia, Kansas, for special work in Domestic Science and Arts, when the session open at the State Agricultural College.

Miss Myrtice Neims will spend the Miss Mary Fitzgerald and Miss Cor-

nelia Burke have gone to the Summer School at the New Mexico Normal at Silver City, where they will complete the work for a Professional Certificate. Miss Louise Murphy is with her

mother at Alamogordo, till institute opens, when she will attend it. Miss Eula Street is spending her early vacation in Tucumcari with her arents, and will enter the

ty Institute on June 14, at Tucumcari. Miss Grace Jeffrey is enjoying the cultivation of her crop on her claim near Quay, N. Mex. She will enter the Quay County Institute when it con

venes on June 14. Miss Evalina Walker is spending the summer with her mother southwest of town.

Miss Claudia Whittle is attending

## the State Normal at Silver City. SPECIAL PROGRAM

The Baptist Young People's Union of the First Baptist church of Tucumcari are arranging a very attractive program to be given at their church on Sunday evening, June 13. The young people of this church hope to have all the other unions of the city participate in this program and a very cordial invitation will be extended them. Addresses and musical offerings by the choice talent of all the unions will be given, and it is to be

on this occasion. This program will be solely for the betterment of the work among the young people of our city, and all are invited, the young folks particular The program as arranged by the committee on the work will be published in next week's issue of the Tucum-

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cari papers.

Yesterday evening a big whirlwind passed through the north part of this city and caused some damage. At the corner of 2nd and Main a large cigar sign belonging to the Sands-Dorsey Drug Co., was blown down and struck Glen Harrison who chanced to be passing at that time. Glen was only struck a glancing blow but was knocked down by its force and bruised some but nothing serious. Had it been a few inches farther he would have been instantly killed.

A number of our auto owners went out to Pleano to a big Sunday school picnic or dinner. They had another good time and a big feed. Those peo ple on the plains are of great help to the auto salesmen. If they keep up Q. What makes you think Arthur this Sunday dinners out there everybody who can scrape up the change for the first payment will have a machine of some make in order that they will not be left at home. This thing of hearing about good things to eat is getting rather monotonous and if we had the price we would be tempted to buy an auto so that we could get one square meal a month.

> George Ferguson has been unusual y busy the past week invoicing cylinders, pistons, headlights and cotter keys in the E. P. & S. W. store room of which he has charge.-Carrizozo Outlook.

## SPENDING THEIR VACATION WILSON TALKS PLAIN TO MEXIGAN LEADERS

NO. 36

Washington, D. C .- President Wilson today (June 2) served notice upon the warring faction of Mexico that war must end and peace must be restored or the United States will take steps to see that these ends are brought about The much discussed "Mexican note" is plain and to the point. After reciting the conditions existing in Mexico, the note ends with the following

statement: "I therefore, publicly and very solemnly call upon the leaders in Mexico to act, to act together, and to act promptly for the relief and redemption of their prostrate country. I feel it to be my duty to tell them that if they cannot accommodate their differences and unite for this great purpose within a very short time, this government will be constrained to decide what means should be employed by the United States in order to help Mexico save herself and serve her peo-

The statement, prepared after yesterday's cabinet meeting, was intended for issuance early today, but was delayed by minor changes made in conference between the president and secretary Bryan. It was to have been made public at 10 but was delayed until after noon. While it was being flashed on its way to Consul Silliman at Veracruz, the Brazilian minister at Mexico City and consular agent, Geo. Carothers at Chihuahua City, who will deliver it to the leaders of the factions with which they are ac-

credited. The message is "a statement to the American people" but is prepared as a warning to the Mexican chiefs and goes to Villa, Carranza, Zapata and Gonzales Garza.

COWBOYS RE-UNION

Three days and nights of fun are looked forward to by the cowpunchers of the State, who will be in Las Vegas on July 1, 2 and 3 to attend the First Annual New Mexico Cowboys Reunion The cowmen and their families will represent 2000 people, while thousands of visitors are expected here not only from all parts of the state, but the adjoining states as well. Nearly \$5,000 in prizes will be distributed among the winners of the various events, which insures that the best riders and ropers in the Southwest will he there to compete. A band of Indians from the Navajo country near

Gallup is on its way here overland to participate in the wild west events. A big parade showing ancient and modern means of transportation in the Southwest, will open the Reunion on July 1. This will be one of the most spectacular pageants ever seen in this part of the country. A cowboys dance, pulled off in the old frontier style, will be another interesting feature of reunion week. Four motion picture companies have arranged to send camera men there to get pictures of the various events. On two days duriny the reunion, barbecue dinners will be served. Rates have been

secured from all parts of the State. From the Montoya Republican:-Chas. Dienstbach happened to a very painful accident Monday while working on a windmill on the Conant ranch by being struck in the side with a six-pound sledge hammer. Dr. Jack

son was called to dress the wound. Mr. McWilliams, who recently became the owner of the G. W. Brown place just south of town, arrived in Montoya from Hamlin Texas, Tuesday with his family. Mr. McWilliams was accompanied by Mr. Cooper and family of Hamlin, who are looking for a location.

The editor sat in his hard bottom chair trying to think of a thought, and he ploughed all his fingers about his hair, but not a new topic they brought. H'd written on temperance tariff and trade, and the prospects of raising a crop, and joked about ice cream and weak lemonade, till his readers had warned him to stop. And weary of thinking, sleep came to his eyes, as he pillowed his head on his desk, when the thoughts while awake had refused to arise, came in drops that were strange and grotesque. And as the idea airily floated, he selects the bright one of the tribe, and this is the gem, while dreaming, he wrote "Now is the time to subscribe."

From the Logan Leader-Mrs. J. E. Johnson went to Pratt. Kansas, yesterday to visit friends and attend the graduation exercises of the Pratt High School. Miss Josephine Johnson is a member of the graduating class, Mrs. Johnson and Miss Josephine will visit friends at Liberal

before they return home. Earl Messenger, of Swearingen, Texas, came for a location. He secured 320 acres northeast of town, and also bought the barber shop from Dan Romero. He went to Tucumcari Sunday evening to make his filing, and from there will go to Swearingen to make arrangements to move here immediately.

A number of interesting items are left out this week.